

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cobb
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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

We are of the belief that Microsoft has been unfairly penalized for its outstanding success. Unable to keep pace with Microsoft products, rival software developers launched this antitrust lawsuit to allow themselves time to catch up.

The terms of the settlement are more than generous on the part of Microsoft. Allowing open access to Windows and its various components to rival software developers is enough to end this case. Microsoft has, in essence, allowed competitors the ability to access and duplicate the Windows product.

This antitrust suit needs to be concluded now. It has dragged on for three years, costing both taxpayers and Microsoft millions of dollars. The Justice Department should settle this case. Thank you.

Sincerely,

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script. The first part of the signature reads "Paul Cobb" and the second part, written below the first, reads "Theresa Cobb".

Paul and Theresa Cobb